

SPRING BREAK IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

I'm bored. There is nothing to do. Your child is surrounded by soccer activities, t.v. and toys and can't find anything to do. What is a parent to do with Spring Break coming up? Here is a list of inexpensive or FREE things to do while the children are on spring Break.

- Field trip around the neighborhood –let child be the guide and talk about what is in your neighborhood
- Design a writing box–put in things for children to have handy to do any writing (pens, paper, eraser, note cards, markers, etc.)
- Have children start their own book club
- Make calendars with birthdays, holidays, etc..
- Help plan and cook a meal
- Help child design their own homework space
- Go to the local library, get a library card if necessary, and check out books
- Start a collection of leaves, rocks or anything of interest to the child
- Help set up a recycling system
- Write letters to family/friends far away
- Volunteer to help a neighbor or friend
- Play board games
- Play card games and incorporate math by counting on cards
- Plan a party and celebrate Spring
- Visit a fire station
- Make their own greeting cards
- Draw a map of the neighborhood
- Have a home D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) time
- Make a book about themselves or their family
- Take turns being King/Queen for a day and each gets to do one special thing
- Tell family stories
- Organize a scavenger hunt
- Go to a restaurant and try to figure out how many ways they can prepare a hamburger
- Take an RTD bus to a different area
- Put together a family art kit–include paper rolls, scraps of material, glue, glitter, etc.)
- Make homemade gifts like clay hand prints, paint old flower pots, paint rock paper weights, place mats
- Start to get a garden ready if there is space
- Make designer t-shirts
- Start a scrapbook
- Visit a pet store or the dumb Friends League–pick a favorite animal and learn about it
- Choose a favorite book and plan a picnic around it
- Find a pen pal and write each other
- Help with the grocery list and shopping
- Visit the zoo, a park or museum–Many are listed in the front of the telephone book
- Play Alphabet and Bingo games while riding in the car
- Make puppets out of old socks, paper bags or popsicle sticks and put on a play